

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the instant application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants have amended the "STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT INTEREST" paragraph to include an additional grant number that was inadvertently omitted. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of this application and its timely allowance. A good faith effort has been made to place the application in condition for allowance. However, in the event the Examiner has further questions or finds minor informalities that can be resolved by telephone conference, the Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' representative at (206) 622-4900.

Respectfully submitted,

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